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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

Xavier A. Cervantes, 43, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Cervantes** admitted that he possessed with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine on Oct. 24, 2004.

Under federal law, Graves explained, **Cervantes** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 20 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$8 million.

Cervantes was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 4, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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